This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- (Currently Amended) A method for extraction and concentration of <u>a</u> hydrophilic <u>compound empounds</u>-dispersed or distributed in <u>a</u> hydrophobic liquid matrices matrix comprising the following steps:
 - a) providing a sample of a hydrophobic liquid, which is a hydrophobic/nonpolar/non-ionic liquid matrix;
 - adding to said sample an aqueous capture solution containing comprising at least one extractant to said sample that is an amphoteric phospholipid, an anionic phospholipid or an anionic surfactant,
 - wherein said extractant improves the yield of the hydrophilic compound extracted from the hydrophobic matrix

and

a water-soluble dye in an amount to allow good visibility of the aqueous phase:

- mixing said sample and said capture solution thoroughly;
- d) allowing the an aqueous phase to separate from the sample phase; and
- measure measuring the <u>hydrophilic</u> compound <u>or biological material or</u> particles in the aqueous phase.
- (Withdrawn) An aqueous capture solution containing at least one extractant, said extractant in said capture solution improving the yield of a hydrophilic compound extracted from a hydrophobic matrix.
- (Withdrawn) A capture solution according to claim 2, wherein said extractant
 is selected out of the group consisting of amphoteric or anionic phospholipids and
 anionic surfactants.

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- 4. (Withdrawn) A capture solution according to claim 3, wherein said extractant is a lecithin.
- (Withdrawn) A capture solution according to Claim 2, containing more than one extractant.
- (Withdrawn) A capture solution according to Claim 2, containing a non-ionic surfactant in addition to the extractant(s).
- (Withdrawn) A capture solution according to Claim 2 containing a watersoluble dye in an amount to allow good visibility of the aqueous phase.
- (Withdrawn) A reagent kit for extracting a hydrophilic compound from a hydrophobic matrix and detection of said hydrophilic compound comprising a capture solution according to Claim 2.
- 9. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein said extractant is a lecithin.
- (New) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said aqueous capture solution contains more than one extractant.
- (New) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said aqueous capture solution further comprises a non-ionic surfactant in addition to the extractant(s).
- (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein said liquid matrix is crude oil, vegetable oil, petrol or kerosene.
- (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein said hydrophilic compound is ATP, NAD, NADP, NADH, NADPH, an enzyme, a free fatty acid, a preservative, a biocide or a salt.

- (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein said extractant is lecithin, phosphatidyl inositol, sodium dodecyl sulphate (SDS), deoxycholic acid, or potassium sorbate.
- 15. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein said aqueous capture solution further contains sodium hypochlorite, sodium chloride, phosphate buffer, or sodium hydroxide.
- (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein said dye is methylene-blue,
 Patent Blue V or Fluorescein.